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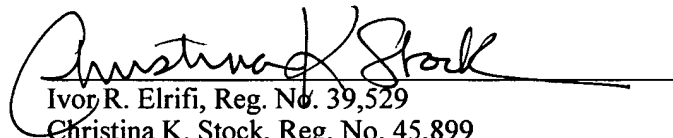
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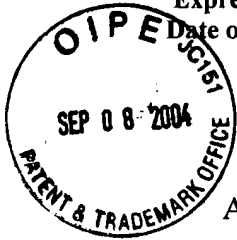
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are shown starting on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** are shown starting on page 3 of this paper.